

SENATE READY FOR FINAL TEST ON PEACE PACT

TOWN OFFICERS START CAMPAIGN AGAINST MORIARTY HILL MENACE

CALL MEETING TO TAKE ACTION ON PERILOUS CROSSING UP TO ROCK ISLAND

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS, SPURRED BY TRAGEDY WHICH COST THREE LIVES DETERMINED TO ELIMINATE FATALITIES, IF SUCH A THING IS POSSIBLE.

Determined to take some steps which will remove the menace that prevails at Moriarty hill, where Albert and Elmer Windus and Howard Hollowell met death on March 10, officials of the town of Ottawa have called a meeting to take place Tuesday, March 23, in the office of Justice of the Peace George Koenig, at which time it is hoped ways and means can be devised of making the crossing safe to traffic by eliminating the present hazards to life and limb.

Promoted by Supervisor E. V. Yockey who has promised to use his influence in every way to correct the dangers at the hill, the meeting will be attended by the board of township auditors, the highway commissioner, town clerk and County Superintendent of Highways George L. Farnsworth. The Rock Island railway, perhaps the most vitally interested in the subject, will be asked to send a representative to Ottawa to be present and talk over the situation with the local officials.

Only one argument has been advanced for making the hill absolutely safe to travelers, and that calls for the construction of a viaduct, extending possibly from the main east and west road to a point on the hill, with the alternative of starting the viaduct from the present bridge and running it over the Rock Island line.

Spurred by the necessity of the town taking some action to alleviate a wholly bad condition, which has been responsible for many deaths in the past decade, Supervisor Yockey will insist that there be no further delay in getting something done to make the crossing safe. He is supported in his contention by influential members of the board of supervisors who will be asked to appropriate from county funds, something toward the cost of the improvement.

The Rock Island railway will be called upon to carry the heavy part of the burden, it is understood, and with the expense split three ways, the town, county and utilities company each paying a share, means the eliminating all danger at a very nominal cost to each party.

WATERWAY AS REMEDY FOR FREIGHT TANGLE

St. Louis, March 19.—Comprehensive development of inland water transportation routes to meet the growing needs of the United States was advocated at the spring convention of the national industrial trade league today.

A conference report from the inland waters and executive committee stated that this development is a vital necessity and that it "should be assisted in every way."

The report recommended the improvement and maintenance of channels by federal or state governments or both; establishment of favorable rates and construction of adequate terminal facilities for handling freight.

Establishment of reasonable civil rates by the I. C. C. to encourage the mining and distribution of coal in the summer months when the railroads are best able to handle it and to furnish steadier employment for miners, was recommended. Fixing the summer rate fifteen per cent lower than the winter rate would bring about the desired result in the opinion of advocates of the plan.

EXPORTS DROP OFF; LOWEST SINCE FALL

Washington, March 19.—Decided decrease in exports is shown by the February statement issued today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Exports for the month amounted to \$246,000,000, the smallest monthly total since October, 1913. Imports also decreased from \$474,000,000 in January to \$467,000,000.

OLD CITY COUNCIL CALLED TO TESTIFY IN DAMAGE SUIT

CLAIM AGENT SOLD LAND, TELLING THAT HE PURCHASED IT

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IS ASKED OF SAMUEL MILLIKIN, FORMER LA SALLE COUNTY MAN, WHO IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TRANSFERRED CLIENT'S LAND.

The \$25,000 damage suit, which was mentioned in the Free Trader-Journal yesterday afternoon as having been started by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Anderson of Dixon, against Samuel Millikin, a former La Salle county man, grew over a disagreement for the sale of a farm owned by the plaintiffs. The Andersons claim that they employed Millikin as their agent, giving him the right to sell the land for them.

It is alleged that Millikin claimed he purchased the property and sold it to a third party. The Andersons allege that they have refused to deliver the deed, as they did not sell the property to Millikin and he had no right to sell it to a third party.

Although only the principle in the case has been filed, it is said that the suit is for damages and to set aside their contract alleged to have been made with Millikin as agent for the plaintiffs. It is also claimed that Mr. and Mrs. Anderson fear a suit is to be started against them by the person to whom Millikin is said to have transferred the land.

Attorneys, Lee O'Neil, Frouge and A. E. Batters have been employed by Mr. and Mrs. Anderson to represent them in their suit.

GRANDPARENTS AND AUNT IN CONTEST FOR KIN'S CHILDREN

A contest was on in the County Court this afternoon between Mrs. Augusta Brothman of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brothman of Weldon for the custody of Harold, David and Louise Carter, the three children made orphans by the death of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Carter of Weldon. The former is an aunt by marriage of their mother and the latter are the grandparents of the children.

It was alleged by Mrs. Augusta Brothman that the grandmother was mentally deficient and was unable to care for the children. Evidence was introduced to show that in December, 1914, she was found insane by a commission in the county court and proceedings had never been taken to have her sanity restored. Dr. Miller of the Sulphur Springs Sanatorium where Mrs. Brothman was employed before the death of her daughter, testified that he believed her mentally all right.

Dr. H. H. Sawyer, a city resident, testified that before the death of Mrs. Carter she said that she wanted her aunt to raise her children.

GETS WORD OF MRS. C. A. SCHERZER'S DEATH

H. W. Johnson is in receipt of a telegram announcing the death of Mrs. C. A. Scherzer at her home in Larned, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. Scherzer formerly lived in this city and have many friends who will learn with sorrow of the latter's death. She was sick for the greater part of a year prior to her death, which occurred on Thursday, March 11. Funeral services were held on the following day.

PREDICT SENATE WILL CONFIRM COLBY

Washington, March 19.—The nomination of Bainbridge Colby to be secretary of state, which has been the subject of extensive hearings by the Senate foreign relations committee, was favorably reported out today without a record vote. The report generally was regarded as forecasting favorable action by the Senate.

Invisible Ink.

The simplest of all invisible inks is milk or, better still, buttermilk. If used with a perfectly clean new pen and on unglazed paper it will not show. The easiest way to bring it out is to iron it with a hot flatiron.

PALMER AND HIS PUP

FORMER MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS ASKED TO TESTIFY IN \$15,000 CASE AGAINST OTTAWA—ADJOURNS HEARING UNTIL MONDAY.

The whole old city council, ex-Mayor E. P. Bradford, ex-Commissioners Campbell, Palmer, Meagher and their rich have been summoned as witnesses for the defense in the \$15,000 DuShane damage case now on trial in the Circuit Court. This morning the members of the old administration were called into court, ready to be used as witnesses as soon as the defense was permitted to start its case, but the testimony for the plaintiffs dragged thru the morning and the greater part of the afternoon.

The legal battle between the attorneys is a very interesting one and one that is closely watched by those who have followed the trial. City Attorney Glenn W. Wessie and James J. Conway are representing the city, and Mayor Weeks has been in the court room ever since the case opened, giving whatever advice he can. Attorney L. G. Browne and A. E. Batters represent the plaintiff.

The case was continued until Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, this afternoon when court was adjourned by Judge Davis. It was expected to be at least two more days before it goes to the jury.

The suit was instituted by Frank DuShane to collect damages amounting, he says, when the cellar of his house was flooded in 1916.

This morning J. W. B. Browne, who testified to the effect the exposure from the water had upon the health of the DuShane family.

Mr. DuShane testified, when his case was examined, which was interrupted last evening when court adjourned.

William R. Cunningham was the next witness called by the defense. He gave a description of Christie street and of the Boyle property, in which the plaintiff resided at the time of the flood.

Plaintiff Takes Stand.

Frank DuShane, the plaintiff, took the stand at the start of the afternoon. He testified that he was 43 years of age, had resided in and around Ottawa for twenty-one years and had been employed as a farm hand most of that time. He is the father of six children.

The house in which he was living at the time he received the flooding was located at 428 Christie street. According to DuShane's testimony, it was owned by Miss Minnie Boyle during the time of the flood. It was moved in and was to have the rent for three months for fixing it up and was then to pay her \$5 a month from that time on.

He told of the night of Jan. 20, 1916, when the water from the adjoining ravine came up, filling his dining room and kitchen, which were located in the basement of the house, three feet above the floor level. He claims that a stove he purchased in Chicago the year before and paid \$25 for was ruined. A kitchen cabinet which cost \$18 and his dining room chairs were also ruined by the water.

He said he took his family to the home of his brother, Philip DuShane, on Adams street, where they remained for ten days until the water went down and the house was cleaned.

He told of going to his barn, filling a number of water, with his two horses in it. One of these was purchased from A. H. Hornum for \$70 a year before and the other in Chicago for \$100. He moved them to his brother's, and one of them died a short time later.

He stated that at the time the family went back to the house they were all well, but that shortly afterward all contracted colds. He stated that the wife contracted pleurisy, with which she has been afflicted ever since, and has been under the care of a physician and that in March his youngest child, 1 1/2, aged 2 years, contracted what was first thought to be croup and later diphtheria, and died four days later.

He attributed the flooding to be due to a street slide, which filled up the drainage system of the ravine and left no outlet for the water. On direct examination he told of reporting the street slide to August Hoffrich on three occasions, during its progress, and of Mr. Hoffrich, who was then commissioner of streets and alleys, visiting the place and sending someone out to fix it. On cross-examination he was asked by Mr. Conway if he saw Mr. Hoffrich when he visited the place, and he replied that he did. Mr. Conway then informed him that he had testified that he worked every day from the time he moved into the place until after the flooding, and asked him how he happened to be home when Hoffrich visited the ravine. Mr. DuShane replied that he just happened



\$15,000 FIRE MAKES CHARRED SHELL OF NORTH SIDE ELEVATOR

J. B. KENNY, OWNER OF BUILDING, ASSIGNS LOSS TO SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION—1600 BUSHELS OF OATS DESTROYED DURING BLAZE LAST NIGHT.

A \$15,000 fire, supposed to have originated from spontaneous combustion last night at 9 o'clock, virtually destroyed the John B. Kenny elevator, on north La Salle street. After the department had gotten the flames under control the elevator walls were transformed into a charred shell, while the roof and interior were either burned away or ruined beyond repair.

Discovery of the blaze was made by neighbors when they saw smoke and flames leaping from the northwest corner of the structure. They sent a call to the department, which responded at break-neck speed, and launched upon the task of beating down the flames and getting them within control. An hour later they exceptionally efficacious work the flames had quenched the smoke and heat, but not until the elevator was made almost unrecognizable.

to be there and admitted that it was not his apartment.

He had difficulty in fixing the year that he moved into the house, but stated it was the June before the flooding.

GRANGE CHIEF AGAINST PRESIDENTIAL QUIZ

Washington, March 19.—T. C. Atkeson, Washington representative of National Grange, in a statement today said the disapproval of the quiz for presidential candidates are joined by the national board of farm organizations, and disclaimed "any responsibility for myself or my organization."

He also said he had received a telegram from W. D. Drummond of Kansas City, chairman of the board of governors of the International Farm Congress, making the same disclaimer.

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The loss, according to conservative estimates, will not be less than \$15,000, a part of which is covered by insurance. Sixteen hundred bushels of oats, stored in the spacious bins, were destroyed by the blaze. Mr. Kenny was protected fully against loss on the grain part of which perhaps can be advanced for hog or chicken feed, but for nothing else.

That combustion is responsible for the conflagration is agreed upon by the majority of men who were on the scene shortly after the fire was discovered. The seat of the blaze, situated as it was in a corner as far from the railroad tracks as possible, precludes the possibility, it is argued, of the fire having been started by sparks from a Rock Island locomotive. The need of a playground was practically gutted, the heavy bins, constructed of two-by-fours, being charred to such an extent that repair is impossible. The roof was entirely burned away, while valuable machinery used to operate the elevator is included in the loss. Fortunately no corn was stored in the building, the bins contained entirely to the 1,600 bushels of oats.

This morning Mr. Kenny was uncertain whether or not he would attempt to rebuild the elevator this year.

DR. LELAND LEAVES ESTATE OF \$61,500 IN TRUST TO SON

WILL OF FORMER HEAD OF LA SALLE COUNTY SANITARIUM BOARD FILED FOR PROBATE—CONSISTS PRINCIPALLY OF FARM LANDS.

The will of the late Dr. Franklin W. Leland, former president of the La Salle County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, and well known city physician, was filed for probate today. The estate valued at \$61,500 and consisting of sixty acres of land, near Otter, 150 acres in LaSalle county, 250 acres in North Dakota, city property in Chicago and Norwood Park, and personal property is left in trust for his son, P. K. Leland, during his lifetime.

At the death of the son it is to go to the children of P. K. Leland, but in case he die without issue the estate is to go to Dr. Leland's two sisters, Mrs. Sara Leland Abraham and Mrs. Lillian Leland Browne of Kansas City. Dr. Leland has two children.

The will was drawn on May 31, 1911, and on June 26, 1916, a codicil was added naming Frederick E. Hoiberg of Peoria as trustee and giving him authority to sell any or all of the property with the consent of the son and to reinvest the moneys.

Never Thought of That.

A lover of the cranberry says it is a fine antisorbic. Now, we had never thought of that.—Arkansas Gazette.

DEFEAT OF TREATY IS FORECASTED BY ALL PARTY LEADERS

(By the Associated Press.)

NORTH OTTAWANS START MOVE TO FIX UP SCHOOL GROUNDS

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTH SIDE ASSOCIATION PLANS FOR FITTING UP THE GROUNDS WITH NEEDED EQUIPMENT ARE DISCUSSED.

Plans for beautifying the Jefferson school yard and making it into a playground for the children of North Ottawa, were discussed last evening at a regular meeting of the North Ottawa Improvement Association. The ground was said to be the largest in the city, and it was stated that with the expenditure of a small sum of money for various playground apparatus it could be made into a first class playground, where the kiddies of North Ottawa could spend many happy hours.

Suggestions for wiring the plot and installing electric lights, as well as purchasing needed paraphernalia, were also made. At the present time the only playground equipment on the lot is a rope swing. The children of North Ottawa have no kind of a common gathering ground where they can spend their playtime. For a long time the need of a playground has been seen in that section of town.

On account of the rain there was a small attendance, only thirty being present. A general discussion of the having which is to be installed through the North Side during the coming year was held. Everyone present urged that haste be made in bettering the improvement.

Proceeding the Japanese session a musical program was given by Miss Mary Acton, who sang several songs, and Miss Vivian Amelicks, who played a piano solo. Each number was enthusiastically applauded.

EQUINOCTIAL STORM HERE AHEAD OF TIME

It is a very old story, a forecast of twenty-four hours ahead of calendar time this year. The equinox, which is a 12 1/2 per cent earlier than last year, started to fall yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and has continued to rain ever since.

LA SALLE COUPLE KISS AND MAKE UP

A separate maintenance suit instituted in the Circuit Court by Mrs. Clara Plagen of La Salle against her husband, Louis Plagen, was dismissed by agreement this morning. It is rumored a reconciliation has been effected about between Mrs. Plagen and her husband. The couple were married in 1914 and on May 29, 1919, she started suit, alleging the husband of cruelty. They have one son, 1 year old.

JAPAN AND CHINA AGREE ON SHANTUNG

(By the Associated Press.)

Tokyo, March 19.—It is understood here that the government has agreed that the Japanese demand in Peking to "learn necessities" for a purely independent of the "Shantung question" as the Japanese and Chinese commissioners appointed to investigate have agreed on the main points, and Japan is ready to make large concessions toward the agreeable solution.

FORMER OTTAWAN DIES IN ROCK FALLS

John Walker, former Ottawa resident, died at his home in Rock Falls, Ill., yesterday afternoon after a three days' illness of pneumonia. Surviving he leaves his widow, formerly a well known street girl, and five children. The deceased was a nephew of Mrs. E. A. Houston of this city.

Washington, March 19.—Preparing for final vote on ratification of the peace treaty the senate today adopted the modified reservation preamble

worked out in the bipartisan conference under which affirmative acceptance of the reservations by the other powers would not be required.

The preamble provides that "failure on the part of the allied and associated powers to make objections to said reservations and understandings prior to the deposit of ratification by the United States shall be taken as a full and final acceptance of such reservations and understandings by said powers."

When the debate began on the question of ratification there was virtually an unanimous agreement among senators that the treaty would fail, while speakers on both sides sought to shift all blame for the outcome.

The preamble was offered by Senator Lodge, the republican leader, and accepted without a roll call.

Hold Long Session Into Night.

Washington, March 19.—After a long night session devoted almost entirely to discussion and adoption of a new resolution declaring sympathy for self-government in Ireland, the senate expected today to reach a final vote on ratification of the peace treaty.

The ratification resolution still was incomplete when the senators met for the session destined to become historic. Plans for perfecting the resolution, however, had been agreed upon by the latter "conference" over the Irish question, rivaling in some aspects the long drawn out fight over the reservation to article ten, which was thrust forward unexpectedly in an unbusinesslike effort at modification.

Between the two there was no time left for other than minor questions. It was believed certain the ratification resolution would be so framed as not to require affirmative acceptance by other signatories to the treaty of the American reservations in order to enable participation by his country in the treaty's provisions.

Protest Seizure Property.

Washington, March 19.—"Strong remonstrances" have been made by the American government against ratification of the allied reparations commission that under the peace treaty rule of certain German property in neutral countries can be seized, if necessary, to satisfy the initial payment of German indemnities.

Undersecretary of State Polk, writing today to Senator Henderson, demurred. Nevada said "no further protest" was in contemplation, as such a contribution of the treaty was contrary to an official interpretation exchanged between Germany and the allied powers. His letter was in response to an inquiry by the senator regarding reports from Great Britain that all German property and all the German citizens in electrical enterprises in South America be taken over by the commission and subsequently transferred to Great Britain as part of the German indemnity.

MORE TAKE TESTS FOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATES

The number of teachers taking examination under County Superintendent W. E. Fisher to secure first or second grade certificates, was increased by twenty-eight today. The applicants were principally young women not all of whom to teach in La Salle county.

PEACE TREATY DEATH KNELL FOR HUNGARY

Paris, March 19.—(By mail)—"The Hungarian peace treaty is a sentence of death," Count Albert Athonyi, head of the Hungarian peace commission, declares in the first of two articles he has given the Associated Press.

Daily Thought.

Talk not of wasted affection; affection never was wasted.—Longfellow.